

# **INDIANA DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**

## **COMMITTEE MEETING**

March 7, 2006

The IDACS Committee met on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., at the Indiana State Police Indianapolis Post # 52, with the following members in attendance:

Major Ray Benn  
Captain John Clawson  
Captain Doug Shelton  
Captain Diane Sweeney  
Sheriff Tom Debaun  
Jamie Bogan

Mike Dearing  
D. Michael Paxton  
Mary Ellen Scheiber  
John Wall  
Alex Whitaker (proxy for Don Kottlowski)

Advisory members present:

Sergeant John Richards  
Carrie Hampton

### **OPENING COMMENTS**

Chairman Benn called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., with a quorum present.

### **CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS TO MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2005 MEETING**

Being there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the last meeting, a motion was made by Mary Ellen Scheiber and seconded by Sheriff Tom Debaun that the minutes be accepted as written. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Training and Certification Program**

Mike Dearing spoke about the Training and Certification Program. It was emailed to the committee members earlier. He heard from one member about a grammar change and some other recommendations were received. Mr. Ken Wilson of the Indianapolis Police Department, had some good recommendations that should be considered, but at this time, it was determined that we need a document out in the field and we can make changes at a later time, since it will be a living document.

A motion was made to accept the document, not as is, but as a living document in a change mode, by John Wall and seconded by Captain Sweeney. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **IDACS Committee Chairman Report**

#### **New Agencies/Additional Terminals Approved**

After receiving favorable recommendations from the System Security Officers and the System Coordinator, the following additional terminals and new terminal agencies have been approved. (Refer to the listings that were handed out due to the number involved).

#### **Terminal Operators Approved**

After receiving favorable recommendation from the System Coordinator, the Chairman approved twenty-two (22) IDACS operators with an arrest record. The decision was based on there being no felony convictions. Based on that they have been approved.

### **IDACS Coordinator Report**

Mike Dearing said he wanted to remind Areas I, III and V that the by-laws state their current representatives terms expire September 1, 2006. They need to hold their elections prior to the IDACS Committee meeting in September, so elections need to be held at their spring meetings.

He announced the new IDACS Newsletter is published and they can obtain copies at the end of the meeting. In the newsletter they have added a "word search". It is really designed to reflect IDACS and NCIC/NLETS functions and files. This will give the operators something to do, try and find the words for various files that are available to them. They may create some crossword puzzles for various files and use it as an informational tool; it will give the operators the opportunity to familiarize themselves with some of the issues.

In the Omnixx bar across the top, there is an IDACS icon, click on it; you can pull down the Newsletter and Lesson Plans. It is more printer friendly than what the on-line is and will print out clean copies.

You will notice on the Training Schedule there are some classes that are being offered for operators that are a two (2) day review. If the schedule doesn't prohibit it, we can schedule some other classes if we can get enough people to attend. The operators will go to the class and just be informed what the system can do for them. If this is not feasible, we encourage you to send your operators to a class when their certification is due. There are also some Liability classes and User classes on the schedule now, designed for those people who are not operators, but they still use the system. This includes Prosecutors, Probation, and maybe some of your officers that work on the road that are not certified. This is an informational tool for them. Liability is basically designed for the Agency Heads, Sheriff, Chief of Police, Prosecutors, and Probation Heads to discuss liability issues that can happen if their system is misused. Most of the operators receive this training when they attend class.

We do teach a short course for the new Chiefs of Police at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. It lasts only about an hour, so we can't really cover it in depth, but we can give them an overview.

### **IDACS Security Officer's Reports**

**Sgt. John Richards** reported two (2) agencies with violations. Putnam County Sheriff Department for no supporting documents. Greencastle Police Department for misuse of Triple I

Sgt. Richards wanted to reiterate CPS should not be utilizing local agencies; they should be utilizing Carrie Hampton's staff in the Data Operations Center. By the next IDACS meeting he will have the opportunity to audit CPS. Because of the sheer volume of people the DOC are running, he has a difficult time comprehending there could be that many "emergency placements" on a daily basis.

Before starting the Area Representative Reports, Chairman Benn introduced Captain Doug Shelton from ISP Records Division as a replacement on the IDACS Committee for Major Tony Sommer.

### **AREA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS**

**Area I** Jamalyn Bogan – They held a meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup> with fifteen (15) agencies represented. Kelly Dignin, IDACS Trainer, was in attendance and she answered all of the questions that were presented.

**Area II** Mary Ellen Scheiber –They met at Huntington County Sheriff's Department on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, there were thirty-six (36) people there from twenty-three (23) agencies. Vivian Nowaczewski, IDACS Trainer, provided information on the Concealed Weapons File, Supervised Release File and Fraudulent Data File and it was well received. The next meeting will be April 18, 2006, 10:00 a.m., at Notre Dame.

**Area III** Linda Adams – Representative was not present.

**Area IV** John Wall –Mr. Wall had already reported on their meeting at the last Committee Meeting. Their spring meeting has been scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., at the State Police Post in Versailles.

**Area V** Captain Diane Sweeney – Area V met on December 20<sup>th</sup> at the IPD Training Academy. There were seven (7) agencies attending and Captain Clawson and Sergeant Richards were also there and they discussed some of the issues that came up from some of the discussions in the Committee Meeting. There is not a new meeting scheduled, as yet.

### **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

None

## **AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Someone in the audience had a couple of questions. The first one was about them receiving two (2) 1028's without addresses – she had a copy of them. Neither Mike Dearing nor Andre Clark was aware of any other problems. They will look at the copies she has and check it out.

Also, she said they are located in their jail facility and it has been brought to her attention by the Jail Commander that during their recent shakedowns they have been finding NCIC information in the inmate's cells, apparently given to them by their attorneys. How can they stop this? Is this legal?

Captain Clawson said it is legal through a Motion to Discover, if the proper documents are there and it is part of a case. Through a Motion to Discover they would probably be entitled to all the documents, even if it were on someone else.

Chairman Benn stated the FBI had them investigate a case in the recent past where some guy wound up with information from a check we had done and probably got it through his attorney. The thing was, that all the people who had similar names or similar to the person, were added to the list, he was not entitled to have. The Captain said that brings up a good point. That was a case where there was a Soundex hit and when you provide that information to the case file, they printed off everything that was returned. That was the violation and Sgt. Richards had to sanction the agency because they included all of that in the case file, in fact, they should have sorted out only what applies to the case. This was discussed at the last Committee Meeting.

Captain Clawson said they are working on an upgrade and modifications to the User Agreements. All the ones that are in place now are still valid. Once we all agree that this is the information we need in it, we will get it through legal and once that is approved we will get it out to everyone and get the signatures. One of the things there was always a problem with was the indemnification clause; we are striking that out of the language according to the legal folks.

The Captain also said they are considering doing an IDACS Coordinator document to send out to the agencies and he also thinks there should be one for the Area Representatives because it is something that is going to involve some time and some travel away to the quarterly meetings and the Area meetings. We want to send something that says these are the minimum requirements for an IDACS Coordinator and an Area Representative. There have been times someone has gone back to their Chief or Sheriff and said they were elected as the Area Rep and were told they don't have the time, the vehicles or the inclination to send them out for that.

Michael Paxton had comments on the STARS Project by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The BMV is at the tail end of a project to overhaul their database systems, move them to new hardware platforms, and new communications methods. The new communications aspect necessitates a change to Open Fox. We have struggled with some operating system issues trying to patch our current operating system up to current level for this; that has not worked, so we have had to go to a full upgrade to the next release level, which is now taking us to AIX 5.2. We are planning to try to cut that over tomorrow morning (3-8-06) at 4:00 a.m. This will verify that the operating system works and pave the way for our vendor to complete the development of the connection to the BMV/STARS system. After we cut it over in mid-May or maybe late April responses may look a little different in that the information won't be in the same place. For instance, there won't be a title query when you run the vehicle registration, the title will come back with it, that's his best example off the top of his head. We do hope to make this as smooth as possible and provide you with as much information as we can, as we go along.

The primary benefits for the end user will be speed and stability of the Interface. We will also be working with the BMV to eliminate the Sunday down-time from 3:00 a.m. to whatever time, maybe a consolidation of information will be helpful, you won't need to run as many queries to get the same type of information and same amount of information. The driver check that you do now returns history and everything; that is going to change, it will be more like what everybody in the country sees, if you do a DQ you will get just driver status, all the history won't be returned. If you want history you run a KQ and that's what the rest of the country does and what you will need to do with other states to get the same information. This makes it more consistent with the national standard for clarity and for user programming.

Someone in the audience said she just started working part-time at the BMV and she was told with STARS, they would not be putting the social security number on driver licenses. What will that do when they need the registration or something and need the social security number to run the information? Mr. Paxton said if the social security number is not physically present on the driver's license, obviously a source of that information is gone for you, but the information is still stored in the STARS system. That information is critical to some processes they use to weed out fraudulent identification. If you have a social security number we are going to try to make sure we still provide a way to inquire based on it.

Mr. Paxton was asked about Firearms in late April or May. He answered that Firearms is a separate issue. The query is there in Open Fox, it is just not integrated into the basic queries you do. It is on the table to integrate that into some of the more standard queries.

Also, in the not too distant future will be the Omnixx upgrade. As of this week we have begun the physical installation of hardware for an upgrade to the Omnixx system. Once the hardware is in place and it's basic operating system software is configured correctly, we will be asking Datamaxx Applied Technology to send an Engineer to Indiana to install Omnixx 3.2 at least, maybe 3.3 by that time and the cut-over will be done much the same as we did Version 1 to Version 2.4, which the Trainers or the IDACS Section will call your agency and let you know we are ready for your agency, log off 200 and log in to .210 or whatever address we come up with and that will begin the download process for the new Omnixx software. It will require a new update to Java that is going to Java 5, but don't install it

early, wait until the cutover, it will take care of installing the correct Version during the cutover. We will be calling every agency a couple of weeks ahead of time to schedule their cut-over time and try to meet that time as close as we can. We will have you cutover one device and then turn you loose to start cutting over your other devices based on the steps you walk through with the representative on the phone, so make sure you write those steps down when it happens. No definite date yet, more likely to be in a June timeframe, based on progression of events right now.

Carrie Hampton of the Data Operations Center reminded everyone about the Tornado Drill this week.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

**The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 6, 2006, (10:00 a.m.) at the Indiana State Police Post (D #52), 8500 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN.**

**NEW TERMINAL AGENCIES**

<u>ORI</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number of Workstations</u>
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**NEW AGENCY – Mobile Data Device Only**

<u>ORI</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number of MDD's</u>	<u>Behind Regional Center</u>
IN0021001	Woodburn PD	2	Allen Co. SHF.
IN0430401	Pierceton PD	3	Kosciusko Co. SHF.
IN0500601	Argos PD	3	Marshall Co. SHF.
IN0640701	Ogden Dunes	3	Porter Co SHF

**ADDITIONAL WORKSTATIONS**

<u>ORI</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number of Workstations</u>
IN0110000	Clay Co	2 in Dispatch 1 in the Jail
	Total	3
IN0120000	Clinton Co	1 in Coordinators Office
IN0170000	Dekalb Co	1 in Jail Intake
IN0340000	Howard Co	1 in Detectives 1 in Coordinators Office 1 in Patrol Supervisors Office 1 in 911 Directors Office
	Total	4
IN0450100	Cedar Lake	1 in Dispatch 1 in Coordinator's Office
IN0450300	East Chicago PD	4 in Communications (CAD) Devices 1 in IDACS Room (Omnixx) 1 in IDACS Coordinator's Office (Omnixx) 6
IN0640000	Porter Co.	1 in the Civil Office 1 in Records
	Total	2
IN0790100	Lafayette PD	7 in Records

**Behind The Fort Wayne Regional Computer Center**

<u>ORI</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number of Workstations</u>
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**Behind The Evansville Regional Computer Center**

<u>ORI</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number of Workstations</u>
IN0820100	Evansville PD	2 in South Sector 2 in West Sector 3 in East Sector

Total 7

**Behind The Hammond Regional Computer Center**

<u>ORI</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number of Workstations</u>
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**Behind The Indianapolis Regional Computer Center**

<u>ORI</u>	<u>Terminal ID</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number of Workstations</u>
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INIPD0000	PDIE	IPD	1 in Identification Section
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INIPD0003		IPD	1 Detective Office West District
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**MDD Agency behind the Indianapolis Regional Computer Center**

<u>ORI</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number of MDD's</u>
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<u>ORI</u>	<u>Workstation ID</u>	<u>Number of Workstations</u>
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IN0490003	MRSOSH0X	1
	MRSOPWBJ	1
	MRSOSH85	1
	MRSOSH0V	1
	MRSOSHR1	1
	MRSOSHR3	1
	MRSOSHR4	1
	MRSOPRGY	1
	MRSOSWOV	1
	MRSOPIE7	1

IN0490004	MRSOSHZN	1
		Total 11

**NEW MOBILE DATA AGENCIES**

<u>ORI</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number of MDD's</u>	<u>Behind Regional Center</u>
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IN045249E	Indiana Harbor Belt RR	5	Lake Co Sheriff
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IN0451301	Dyer PD	6	Lake Co Sheriff
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IN0700001	Rush Co. Shf.	12	
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**Additional Mobile Data Devices**

<u>ORI</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number of MDD's</u>
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IN0450300	East Chicago PD	20 for a total of 50
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IN0710008	St. Joseph Co. SHF	2
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INISP5200	ISP Indianapolis	1 in Dispatch
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**Terminal Agencies that have become non-terminal agencies.**